THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) In the wake of terrorist violence in Jammu & Kashmir, around 2.5 lakh persons are estimated to have migrated to different parts of the country. Most of the migrants are staying in Jammu & Delhi where camps have also been established for them. Permanent rehabilitation of these migrants is not contemplated. However, in order to take care of their basic needs, they are being provided relief and other facilities. It is hoped that they will be able to return to the Valley with improvement in the situation there, for which sustained efforts are being made.

Commission of Inquiry to look into Sopore Incident

1157. SHRI JAG MOHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Commission of Inquiry set up to look into the Sopore incident of January 6, 1993 is required to submit its report within three months;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has submitted its report; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay the Commission's report before Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The inquiry is still in progress. Since it could not be completed within three months, the State Government has extended the period for completion of the same. On completion of the inquiry, further action will be taken according to provisions of Jammu & Kashmir Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1962 (Act No. XXXII of 1962), under which the Commission was constituted.

Mercenaries operating as terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir

1158. SHRI JAG MOHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Afghan, Sudan and other mercenaries, operating as terrorists and detected in the State of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) what action has been taken by Government to ensure that foreign mercenaries do not swell the ranks of the Kashmir terrorists and aggravate the situation in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that a serious clash took place between the Border Security Force and about 200 Afghan mercenaries at Ashudhar in Doda district on June 26th/28th in which the former suffered substantial casualties; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the incident and what weapons were used by the mercenaries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) Government are aware of reports of the presence of some foreign nationals said to be involved in subversive activities alongwith the terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir. However, it is not possible to precisely estimate the number and nationalities of such persons, who have infiltrated into the State.

Sustained pressure is being maintained on the militants within the State, and vigil has been further intensified and stepped up on the LOC and the Border to prevent infiltration of terrorists, including foreign nationals, into the State.

An encounter took place between the militants and BSF personnel at Ashudhar Dessa in Doda District of J&K on 26th June, 1993. The BSF patrol party had gone for combing operations on a tip-off about the presence of militants in the Dessa area. On reaching there, they were fired upon by the militants. Reportedly, the number of militants was about 130/150 and a few among them, from their appearance and physical structure, appeared to be foreign nationals.

10 BSF personnel were killed and 7 others including 2 JKAP men were injured in this encounter. There were reports that 3 militants were also killed but this fact could not be verified as their bodies were taken away by the militants from the spot. The militants are reported to have used UMGs, Rocket Launchers, AK Series Rifles and Grenades in the counter.

Militancy in Terai region

1159. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether following near normalcy returning to Punjab, the Punjab militants have lately diversified their activities to other areas like

Lakhimpur Kheri District and Terai region; and

(b) if so, the details of the incidents involving Punjab terrorist activities and attacks in the areas outside Punjab during the past three months, indicating the number of terrorists, security personnel and civilians killed and injured therein and the arms and ammunitions seized from the terrorist?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Incidents of Bomb blasts in Gujarat

1160. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents of Bomb blasts reported in Gujarat District-wise during the last six months;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured in such incidents;

(c) what is the number of persons arrested in this connection;

(d) what are the details of compensation paid in each case;

(e) whether any inquiries have been made conducted to ascertain the causes of such blasts;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof;

(g) the measures taken/being taken to check the recurrence of such incidents; and

(h) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (h) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pakistani National arrested on Border

1161. SHRI ANANTARY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFRIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of armed Pakistani Nationals were arrested on the border in the last two years;

(b) what are the types of weapons found with them; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) On Indo-Pak International border, BSF has apprehended

4 Pak Rangers;

4 Pak Army personnel; and

5 Pak civilians

during the last two-years.

(b) The types of weapons found were pistols, rifles, guns, AK series of rifles, Universal Machine Guns, Rocket Launchers, Detonators and explosives etc.;

(c) Government have initiated all necessary and appropriate steps to check smuggling of arms and ammunition including strengthening and development of para-military forces, their intensified patrolling, issue of sophisticated border surveillance equipments and erection of barbed wire fencing on vulnerable stretches on Indo-Pak border in Punjab and Rajasthan. State Governments have also been provided due support in their efforts to modernise their police forces to combat terrorism and smuggling of arms and ammunition.

Number of Murders in Delhi

1162. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFRIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the month-wise number of murders in Delhi in 1993 together with the corresponding figures pertaining to 1991 and 1992;

(b) what is the number of murder cases in 1991, 1992 and 1993 in which all the suspects have been arrested; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in 1993 to control and curb heinous crime in the metropolis of Delhi?